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## SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### THE DALAI LAMA ON EDUCATION

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When the president of the United States says "America first," he is making his voters happy. I can understand that. But from a global perspective, this statement isn't relevant. Everything is interconnected today.

The new reality is that everyone is interdependent with everyone else. The United States is a leading nation of the free world. For this reason, I call on its president to think more about global-level issues. There are no national boundaries for climate protection or the global economy. No religious boundaries, either. The time has come to understand that we are the same human beings on this planet. Whether we want to or not, we must coexist.

History tells us that when people pursue only their own national interests, there is strife and war. This is shortsighted and narrow-minded. It is also unrealistic and outdated. Living together as brothers and sisters is the only way to peace, compassion, mindfulness and more justice.

Religion can to a certain degree help to overcome division. But religion alone will not be enough. Global secular ethics are now more important than the classical religions. We need a global ethic that can accept both believers and nonbelievers, including atheists.

**My wish is that, one day, formal education will pay attention to the education of the heart, teaching love, compassion, justice, forgiveness, mindfulness, tolerance and peace. This education is necessary, from kindergarten to secondary schools and universities. I mean social, emotional and ethical learning. We need a worldwide initiative for educating heart and mind in this modern age.**

At present our educational systems are oriented mainly toward material values and training one's understanding. But reality teaches us that we do not come to reason through understanding alone. We should place greater emphasis on inner values.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

26th Nov	Club B registration
27th Nov	Secondary I/H Swimming Gala; Club B Registration Closes
29th Nov	Teacher Appreciation Day
30th Nov	Secondary Music Recital @ 5:30pm
1st Dec	TOM@ISU
2nd Dec	Club B registration Closes
3rd Dec	Year 9 Option Evening
5th	Half Year Reports Y11 12-1pm
10th	Half Year Reports 12pm; ISSAK Squad Posted; Club B

Intolerance leads to hatred and division. Our children should grow up with the idea that dialogue, not violence, is the best and most practical way to solve conflicts. The young generations have a great responsibility to ensure that the world becomes a more peaceful place for all. But this can become reality only if we educate, not just the brain, but also the heart. The educational systems of the future should place greater emphasis on strengthening human abilities, such as warm-heartedness, a sense of oneness, humanity and love.

I see with ever greater clarity that our spiritual well-being depends not on religion, but on our innate human nature — our natural affinity for goodness, compassion and caring for others. Regardless of whether we belong to a religion, we all have a fundamental and profoundly human wellspring of ethics within ourselves. We need to nurture that shared ethical basis.

Ethics, as opposed to religion, are grounded in human nature. Through ethics, we can work on preserving creation. Empathy is the basis of human coexistence. It is my belief that human development relies on cooperation, not competition. Science tells us this.

We must learn that humanity is one big family. We are all brothers and sisters: physically, mentally and emotionally. But we are still focusing far too much on our differences instead of our commonalities. After all, every one of us is born the same way and dies the same way.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is the spiritual leader of Tibet and a Nobel laureate for peace. He wrote this op-ed with Franz Alt, a television journalist and bestselling author. This piece is adapted from their new book, "An Appeal to the World: The Way to Peace in a Time of Division."

....enough said!

Have a great weekend everyone.

**Steve Lang**

**School Director**

When does Next Year begin?

At first sight this might appear to be a silly question – the answer is obvious- “at midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December.” But in education the answer can be different: “the New Year begins on day one of term one 2019/20.” That is still not quite correct! The work for the New Year began a couple of weeks ago and will continue over the coming months. Things that we have been doing that are all connected with the New Year:

- Preparing for the transition of students from Year 6 to Year 7.
- Organising transition days for KISU students and students joining KISU from other schools.
- Preparing the Key Stage 4 options booklet.
- Organising the Y9 options evening which will be held early in December.
- Preparing the IB Diploma Programme booklet.
- Organising the IB Diploma Programme options evening.
- Working out – based on student option choices – the subjects we will offer next year.
- Obtain from staff their intentions for next year – many will stay, some will move on.
- Work out staffing needs based on the need of the students and their option choices.
- Advertise teaching posts for 2019/20.
- Carry out interviews and make appointments.

Once all of this is done we still have lots to do but, for many of us next year has already started.

**All those years ago!!! These boys were part of the U13 Championship team can you identify them?**



**Terry Garbett, Head of Secondary.**

On **Monday, 26th November, at 8am** the Club B cycle will open for registration. Below is a list of clubs available and talk through them with your child.

Secondary

Monday

	Time	Activity	Age	Place	Instruc-	Cost	Cap
1	15:15-	Mountain bike club	secondary	A106	Mr Rabanowitz	No charge	12
2	15:15- 16:15	Secondary Choir - Dr. Kigozi	secondary	D307 - Music	Dr Kigozi	No charge	30
3	15:15-	Tae kwon do - Coach	secondary	Club B	Mr Whiston	150,000	10
4	15:15- 16:15	Inline skating - Coach Josephat	secondary	Outside Stage	Mr Whiston	150,000	8
5	15:15- 16:15	Table Tennis - Coach David, Natala	secondary	Sports Hall 1	Mr Whiston	No charge	12
6	15:15-	Boys Rugby	secondary	Field	Mr Whiston,	No charge	50
7	15:30- 17:30	Cine Club - Foreign Films (fortnightly)	secondary	L1	Ms Chellal, Ms Granoux	No charge	No sign up

### Some important things to remember:

1. No children should handle payments. The money should be dealt with strictly between adults. Payment for clubs should be up front and no later than three weeks into the cycle. The cut off date for payment is 18th January.
2. There will be no clubs on the last day of term and the Saturday **(14th and 15th December)** as this is break up day. Those first Friday and Saturday clubs will be brought forward a week to the **7th and 8th December.**
3. The cost of many clubs has been reduced and many have been capped at a certain number. This is in the hope to offer better value for money and a more enriching experience. Please choose wisely for your child and look at the restrictions when signing up. eg. The club many only be for Yr 3&4
4. The first week of clubs is from 10-14 December, before the holiday. This should give you a good idea that your child is in the right club. The second week of clubs starts again on 7th January, which will be the second week. **There will be no changes of**

### clubs or late sign up; after the 11th January

5. Children may leave a club after the 11th January but not to join another one. If they leave, full payment will be expected for the club that your child leaves.
6. If you have a complaint, or are not happy with a club, please write to me on [sportsdirector@kisu.com](mailto:sportsdirector@kisu.com)  
We are striving to make the clubs a richer and more rewarding experience and through your feedback, positive or negative, we are more likely to achieve this.

Any problems signing in on Monday, please get in touch with the IT department - [r.buga@kisu.com](mailto:r.buga@kisu.com)

Here's to wishing your child/ren a fun and enriching Club B cycle.

**Good luck to our Secondary swim team on Tuesday as they take part in the ISSAK school gala on 27th November.**

James Whiston

Sports Director and Head of PE



## Cloud Storage

Today I want to go away from the gadgets and talk about something else. Yesterday I was doing an exam and came across a question on emerging technologies. Many of us are privileged to live in 2 tech eras. The time before the Internet became a hit and now when the Internet seems to be everything or everything seems to depend on the Internet. Emerging technologies are defined as technical innovations which represent progressive developments within a field for competitive advantage.

In the recent past we have suffered a lot of data loss because of not backing up properly but I know many others suffer the same because of breakdown of systems and computer failures. What if I told you that you do not have to worry about that or that even if your computer or phone crashed or was stolen, you would be able to get your data back, wouldn't that put a smile on your face? It would on mine.

Well, emerging technologies have given rise to Cloud Computing and with Cloud Computing we get Cloud Storage. In other words, you do not have to depend on local storage servers or Virtual Machines but can store everything on the Cloud for little to nothing cost. You will not believe it but there are a number of options for Cloud storage and if it is not something you have been considering, perhaps you could now.

Cloud storage is a cloud computing model in which data is stored on remote servers accessed from the internet, or "cloud." It is maintained, operated and managed by a cloud storage service provider on a storage servers that are built on virtualization techniques. Cloud storage works through data center virtualization, providing end users and applications with a virtual storage architecture that is scalable according to application requirements. In general, cloud storage operates through a web-based API that is remotely implemented through its interaction with the client application's in-house cloud storage infrastructure for input/output (I/O) and read/write (R/W) operations.

Here are a few that I use.

IDrive offers a good value proposition. None of its plans limit the number of devices you can use or restrict you from performing



backups of external or network drives. Drive does offer a free 5GB account, but most users should spring for the Personal tier's 2TB of data for \$69.50 per year. The business-level subscription adds subaccount management features, priority support, server backup, and an unlimited number of users per account for \$99.50 a year.

OneDrive is one of the better choices for students, office workers and anybody else looking to boost their productivity. It even has some nice options for playing media when you need a break from the grind. The downside is security. Data stored on OneDrive servers is only encrypted for OneDrive Business users. Home consumer files are left in plain text, which could spell disaster in the event of a breach. Price is \$6.99 Monthly for 1TB



Google Drive is much more than just a cloud-based storage and syncing service with an excellent free storage plan. It also lets you create, edit, store, and collaborate on documents. New utilities for the service let consumers specify any folder on the computer for backup and let businesses save space by not duplicating files on local storage. New paid plans under the Google One brand make storage upgrades more affordable than ever. Google Drive is truly impressive in how it can help you store, back up, create, and even edit files, whether you work solo or as part of a team. Price is \$9.99 Monthly for 1TB



These are just a few of those that I use but each of them has advantages and disadvantages and for most people it is of course the fact that you need to be on the Internet to use these facilities but it is an easy decision if you have suffered data loss but if you have not, you might think differently. So if you have not yet bought into one of the options above, I suggest you do so soon before a system failure forces you to do so. If you would like help in doing so, get in touch.

**Robert Buga**

**Head of IT**

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**Interested? Register for the MUN Club with Mr. Buga or Ms. Raval**

**THEN: Pick a registration form and read the rest of the details. For more information about the conference, check: [www.diamun.org](http://www.diamun.org)**

Dear Parents and Guardians

### **KISU Christmas Carnival**

We look forward to seeing many of you at the KISU Christmas Carnival on Saturday. Please pop around to support the PTA Tombola Stand. We will also be selling tickets for Kids Zone activities.

Due to this event, the PTA will not be hosting a Christmas event on 7 December, as indicated before. We will plan something for Term 2 so watch this space!

### **Teacher Appreciation Lunch**

Our annual Teacher Appreciation Lunch will take place on Thursday 29 November. Please remember to send in a plate of food during drop-off on the day. We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with set-up and/or serving so please look out for the sign-up sheet that will be circulated by your CPR.

A few reminders:

- Please indicate if your item is a Vegetarian dish.
- If your dish/container needs to be returned, please mark/label it clearly. All containers will be available for collection from a table in reception on Thursday afternoon.
- KISU is a nut-free zone and we do not serve pork items.

### **Other Dates to diarise:**

Wednesday 9 January: PTA Coffee Morning

Wednesday 16 January: PTA Coffee Morning

Wednesday 23 January: Term 2 CPR Forum

### **PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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